Committee, and that the State will be enabled to play its role as one of the leading partners in the future federal Indian polity.

Introductory.

5. Copies of the *Administration Report*, the *Statistical Volume* and the *Report of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries* for the last Malabar year have, as usual, been furnished to you. Copies have also been placed in your hands of the *Statement of Action* taken on representations made at the last session and on undisposed of representations pending from the twenty-second and subsequent sessions. That voluminous statement embodies the unceasing and systematic endeavours that are being made by the Government and their officers to meet the wishes of popular representatives, to satisfy the real needs of the public and to implement the promises made in this House. I need hardly assure you that the representations still pending disposal will receive prompt attention.

It is customary on this occasion to review briefly the salient features of the administration during the year that has elapsed since the last session and to indicate the more important measures that are under contemplation. Having assumed charge of the administration less than a month ago, I need hardly remind you that the survey relates to the work of my predecessor in office.

Personnel.

6. His Highness the Maha Raja was pleased to appoint me Dewan from the 7th Kumbham in succession to Dewan Bahadur V. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar. Since the last session of the Assembly, several changes have taken place in the higher ranks of the service. Rao Bahadur A. Venkatarama Aiyar, after officiating as Dewan till the 19th Dhanu 1106, went on leave and retired from service on the 2nd Meenam 1106, after serving the Government in various capacities with conspicuous ability for over twenty years. Mr. R. Krishna Pillai, Acting Land Revenue Commissioner, retired from service on the 18th Chingam 1107, having served the Government for nearly thirty-three years in various responsible offices. Mr. P. Gomatinayakam Pillai, Excise Commissioner, retired on the 17th Tulam 1107, with a long and unblemished record of service extending over thirty-two years. Mr. C. O. Madhavan, Secretary to Government, has been appointed to the vacancy from the 5th Kumbham 1107. Mr. I. C. Chacko, Director of Industries, was succeeded by Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai from the 10th Dhanu 1107. On the conversion of the Law College into a whole-time institution in Mithunam last, Mr. E. J. John retired from the Principalship after a long and distinguished service of over thirty years in a quasi-official capacity. The Senior Professor, Mr. M. K. Govinda Pillai, was appointed Principal. Travancore had recently to mourn the loss of one of its most respected and eminent citizens, Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar. As Deputy President of the Legislative Council in three Councils, as Chairman of various committees, such as the Travancore University Committee, Mr. Krishna Aiyangar did yeoman service to the State.

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